(c) and (d) In 1991-92, some stretches extending over a length of 13 km. (9 km. on NH 2 and 4 km. on NH 32) needed immediate repairs, for which flood damage repair estimates amounting to Rs. 8.55 lacs were sanctioned. This is in addition to the allocations for normal maintenance for which an amount of Rs. 802 lacs was provided to the State Government during 1991-92 for all National Highways in the State including the stretches referred to above.

Development of roads in Tamil Nadu

336. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the Government of Tamil Nadu for development of roads in the State under the Central Road Fund during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes submitted by the State Government together with estimated costs in each case; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 577 schemes costing Rs. 392.90 crores were forwarded by the Government of Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund Programme for the 8th Plan period, vide details in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Since actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited, has not taken place yet in accordance with the Revised Resolution adopted by Parliament on 13-5-1988, it has not been possible to process all the schemes proposed by the State Government under Central Road Fund. However, in absence of actual augmentation of Central Road Fund, 8 schemes costing Rs. 488.76 lakhs have been approved taking into account free-balance available upto 31-3-1992 out of accruals as per Old Resolution.

Statement

Schemes sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund Programme for 8th plan period

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

S. No.	Type of schemes	No. of schemes	Estimated Cost
I.	*Improvement of State Highways and Major District Roads*		
	(a) Construction of missing bridges/cross drainage works	68	3,482.00
	(b) Improvements to Arterial roads	59	19,236.00
	(c) Parallel service roads for National Highways Bye-pass	17	1,877.24
	TOTAL	144	24,595.24
II.	*Engineering aspects of Roads Safety*		
	(a) Improvements to Ghat roads and improvements of Traffic Junction, road marking, signalling, construction of sub-ways and bridges	153	452.00
	(b) Construction of road overbridges	6	1,130.00
	TOTAL	159	1,582.00

Statement—*contd.*

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Type of schemes	No. of schemes	Estimated Cost
III.	*Research and development*	35	766.19
IV.	*Development of other district roads and village roads*		
	(a) Construction of bridges/cross drainage works .	89	3,003.00
	(b) Strengthening and black topping . . .	100	3,527.00
	TOTAL .	189	6,530.00
V.	*Preventive maintenace by way of strengthening heavy Density corridors*		
	(a) Reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges . .	7	173.35
	(b) Strengthening of State Highways and Major District Roads	43	4,742.78
	TOTAL .	50	4,916.13
V.	*Training of highways Engineers* . . .		900.00
	GRAND TOTAL .	577	39,289.56

Acquisition of forest land for National Highways

337. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under the existing system of acquiring forest land for National Highways an equal area of land is given to the Forest Department in lieu of acquired land which causes ample delay in executing the works of National Highways;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to do away with this system and see its own land is used to increase the present forest coverage ; and

(c) if so, by when legislation is proposed to be enacted in this regards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per guidlines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest,equivalent non-forest land for compensatory afforestation is required to be identified by the concerned State/Union Territory Government in respect of proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes, including construction of National Highways, under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. After receipt of all the essential details, the proposals for diversion of forest land for non-fosestry purposes are examined by Ministry of Environment and Forest for decision under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

(b) and (c) It has been decided that compensatory afforestation of 'B' graded